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Pre-amend



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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CPA of

Appln. No.: 09/423,093

Group Art Unit: 1655

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Examiner: Sisson, B.

For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES SPECIFIC FOR  
BACTERIAL ANTIGENS AND USES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please  
amend the application as follow:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-15 and 32-84.

Please add the following new claims:

-- Claim 85. A method of testing a sample for the presence of  
*E. coli* expressing the bacterial polysaccharide O-antigen  
serotype 0111, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing genomic DNA of a sample to be tested;
- (b) providing at least one oligonucleotide molecule,  
wherein said oligonucleotide molecule is at least  
10 nucleotides in length and specifically

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